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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAUTZ

Serial No.: 10/591768

Group Art Unit: 1625

Filed: September 27, 2006

Examiner: DESAI, R.

For: **NOVEL THIO-CONTAINING HYDROXY-6-PHENYLPHENANTHRIDINES AND
THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION / ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated June 2, 2009. The one-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on July 2, 2009. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12 and 15-17 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-10 and 12, drawn to compounds of Formula I. |
| Group II: | Claims 15-17, drawn to a method of treating disorders. |